

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 17, 2014  
7:30AM**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101**

**CITY HALL**

Advisory Members Present:

Bill Kelly  
Marshall Jones  
Lori Cervenak-Renteria  
Bruce Mills

Advisory Members Absent:

Tim Miles  
Hugh Simonich  
Will Hancock

Guest Members Present:

Jack Darby  
Sandra Alvarado  
Troy Officer  
Charlie Betts  
Bill Brice  
Cindy Finnegan

Staff Members Present

Peter Valdez  
Susan Requejo  
Michael Coffey  
Peter Arellano  
Michelle Myles  
Joshua Paul  
Michael Suda  
Bree Williams  
Anna Gruzinov  
Joseph Rodriguez  
Erica Campos  
Christopher Anderson

**I. Call meeting to order**

**Opening remarks and introductions**

Meeting called to order by Marshall Jones at 7:35 am  
Introduction of the newest DACC staff members Joseph Rodriguez and Erica Campos both are from the clerical unit. In addition, Commander Troy Officer was introduced as the new commander of the DTAC.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting October 18, 2013.**

Motion for approval as written by Marshall Jones Seconded by Bill Kelly.

**II. Citizen Communication**

Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance presented data on the city wide crime trends focusing on the downtown area. No action was taken.

**III. Presentation, discussion, and action on the following items:**

- A. Road to Recovery data request from Advisory Committee, presented by Sherry Blythe and Sherry Stifler. No Action was taken.
- B. Emergency Solutions Grant housing update, presented by Michelle Myles. No action was taken.
- C. Homeless Individuals sharing first -hand experience regarding the challenges and barriers associated with access to housing.  
Three homeless/ formerly homeless individuals presented on the trials and tribulations of accessing housing and barriers associated with the process. No action was taken.
- 3. Proposed housing policy- change recommendations from Advisory Committee to City Council, presented by Marshall Jones. Marshall Jones proposes to wait on the RFP from the housing bond before making a formal recommendation to City Council. This suggestion met no opposition from the other members of the advisory committee.
- D. Advisory Committee Annual Review presented by Marshall Jones, review was presented to the Advisory Committee and several suggestions were made by committee members. Marshall Jones will add the suggestions from other members and present the revised annual review at the March 21, 2014 Advisory meeting. The Annual Review is due on or before March 31, 2014.
- E. Veterans Diversion Program Discussion presented by Lori Renteria, No action was taken. A request was made to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting. This suggestion met no opposition from the other members of the advisory committee.
- F. City of Austin ordinances regarding drinking in City of Austin Parks presented by Lori Renteria. No action was taken.

**IV. No Executive Session held.**

- V. The next meeting was set for March 21, 2014 at City Hall. Staff will include all 2014 upcoming meeting dates on future agendas.**

**VI. Adjourned.**

Motion to adjourn by acclamation made by Marshall Jones, meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.